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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 14 of the Second Extraordinary Session
By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mrs. Kay Howard of Martin.

WHEREAS, the members of the Tennessee General Assembly and the citizens of Martin were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Kay Howard, Assistant Director of the University of Tennessee at Martin Student Health Center; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Robert and Nancy Anthony, Kay Howard was born November 8, 1950, in Jackson, Tennessee, and was a distinguished graduate of the Union University School of Nursing; and

WHEREAS, at the time of her death, she had recently accepted the post of Director of Student Health and was prepared to assume additional new duties; and

WHEREAS, Kay was famous for her wit, infectious smile and the humorous and educational "columns" that she sent via campus e-mail; and

WHEREAS, the topics in these delightful pieces ranged from updates on warning signs of illness to how-to pieces on self-care to admonitions to live happier lives; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Phillip Watkins, Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs at UT-Martin, paid tribute to this great humanitarian by stating, "Kay brought such a vibrance, cheerfulness and reassurance to so many students, faculty and staff. She made the world and our campus a better place."; and

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WHEREAS, co-worker Nancy Hastings said, “The one word that best describes Kay is ‘inspirational’, the way she cared about her family, her friends. The way she enjoyed every single minute of living because you just never know what’s going to happen tomorrow.”; and

WHEREAS, an active member of the First Baptist Church of Martin, she served God there as a faithful member of the Joyful Noise Sunday School class; and

WHEREAS, she was the loving wife of Dr. John D. Howard, and the loving mother of a daughter, Rebecca Howard; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor a special servant of the people and a blessed witness of faith and her Lord, Kay Howard; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the special memory of Kay Howard, reflecting on her blessed life of admirable service, and express our condolences to her family and many friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.